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Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Regulation and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

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11/19/2004 10:00 AM The Place, Innsbrook

Attendance

Committee Members

Coan Agee

Gary Critzer

Donald Barklage Jr

Robert Crowder III

Edward Brazle

Jim Chandler

Absent

David Hoback (excused)

Staff

Michael Berg

Scott Winston

Melissa Doak

Others

Rob Logan

Ed Rhodes

Lori Moore

Roger Vaughan

Theresa Guins, MD

Laura Walker

Art Lipscomb

Kent Weber

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up, Responsible Person
Call to Order	Chairman Barklage called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.	
Review & Approval of minutes from last meeting	Minutes for the October 4, 2004 work session were and approved as distributed.	
Agenda Items		
1. 12 VAC 5-31-550	1. Staff to introduce to Transportation Committee language to change reporting of "reportable " EMS vehicle accidents to a shorter time period utilizing different documentation. Approve work to be forwarded to this Committee for action.	1. Reported to Transportation Committee.
2. 12 VAC 5-31-710	2. Adds language to have equipment secured during patient transport. Combines paragraph Band C to read " B. Equipment and supplies in the patient compartment shall be stored within a closed and latched compartment or fixed securely in place while not in use, While vehicle is in motion, equipment and supplies being used for patient care shall be secured in place."	2. Motion passed to approve language change.
3. 12 VAC 5-31-800	3. Staff noted the need to remove the language "...unless specifically authorized under Part VI (12 VAC 5-31-2100 et seq.) of this chapter." It does not exist.	3. Motion passed to approve change.
4. 12 VAC 5-31-860	4. Staff to introduce to Transportation Committee suggested revision to the	4. Reported to Transportation Committee.

	required equipment listing for various EMS vehicles. Approved work to be forwarded to this Committee for their actions.	
5. 12 VAC 5-31-950	5. Staff requested the changing of the wording from "may" to "shall" with regards to a report copy being provided to the transporting EMS agency.	5. Motion passed to approve the language change.
6. 12 VAC 5-31-1050	6. The chairman related to recent discussion with the chair of the Medical Direction Committee and concerns surrounding the Medication and Procedures schedule. An opinion has been requested from the AG's office regarding the term of "reference document" and its applicability regarding regulations.	6. Staff to obtain AG's opinion regarding regulatory application to identified "reference" documents in regulations.
7. 12 VAC 5-31-1140	7. Staff noted the need to remove the bold printed "Implementation of this section did not take place on January 15, 2003. The Virginia EMS system will be advised of the status of this regulation in the future."	7. Motion passed to approve change.
8. 12 VAC 5-31-2070	8. Language added to mirror that of the 12 VAC 5-31-910 (B) minus the EVOC requirement.	8. Motion passed to approve language change.
9. Children's Hospital Presentation	9. Roger Vaughan from the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters presented recommended changes to the language regarding the provision of Neonatal transportation and the impact of the current regulations as they now read.	9.
10. 12 VAC 5-31-10	10. Add the following to Definitions: "Neonatal / Neonate" pertaining to any infant who is deemed a newborn within a hospital, has not been discharged since the birthing process, and is currently receiving medical care under a physician. In addition, change the following to read: "Neonatal life support" means a sophisticated and specialized level of inter-facility stabilization and transport of newborn infants (Neonate), including both basic and advanced life support care.	10. Motion passed to approve the language change and to accept new definition as presented.
11. 12 VAC 5-31-830	11. It was asked if Neonatal ambulances are capable to transport mother as well (several are designed as such). Staff to research and provide an impact statement to such requirement. CHKD to assist in developing such statement.	11. Staff to research and develop impact statement to add capability to transport mother in Neonatal ambulance.
12. Quality Management	12. Chairman Barklage related a request from a provider regarding the confidentiality of peer review quality assurance programs and discoverability. Staff related there might already be provision under the Virginia Administrative Act, or even under current Virginia Code.	12. Committee will work to research subject and present recommendations at the next scheduled meeting.
13. Update on NOIRA	13. Staff has submitted to the AG's office for a second (and final) review of the	13. Staff awaiting AG's review.

proposed FARC regulations. An interim AG is looking at the documents and anticipates completion by next week. Staff has worked with the Regional Council Director's to identify geographic locations to conduct public hearings. We anticipate a January time frame to complete this process.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. No future work sessions are planned currently.

Next Meeting

Date: February 3, 2005

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: The Place, Innsbrook